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Press reports indicate that ZANU military leader Josiah Tongogara and nine other members of Mugabe's delegation left last night for Mozambique. Tongogara reportedly asserted that Mugabe also would be leaving. According to one press report, Mugabe intends to return to Geneva after consultations with ZANU military leaders in the field.

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LEBANON: *Bickering over the intended role and the commander of the Arab League security force for Lebanon continues.*

Phalanges Party leaders are prepared to agree to the stationing of League forces in east Beirut, but the more extreme Christian faction led by Camille Shamun is apparently still refusing to consider any but Christian forces to patrol Christian areas. Shamun is insisting that non-Christian troops are needed only where fighting is continuing. He contends that Christian areas are quiet and need no outside policing.

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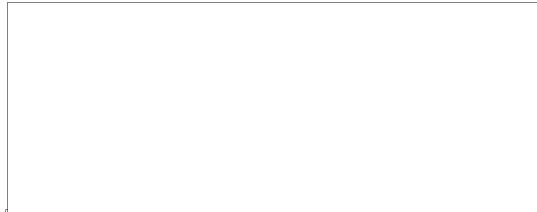
Much of Shamun's resistance to deployment of the League force in Christian areas can probably be attributed to his growing skepticism that continued reliance on the Syrians is in Christian interests.

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President Sarkis' appointment of a Lebanese as commander of the Arab League force has drawn criticism.



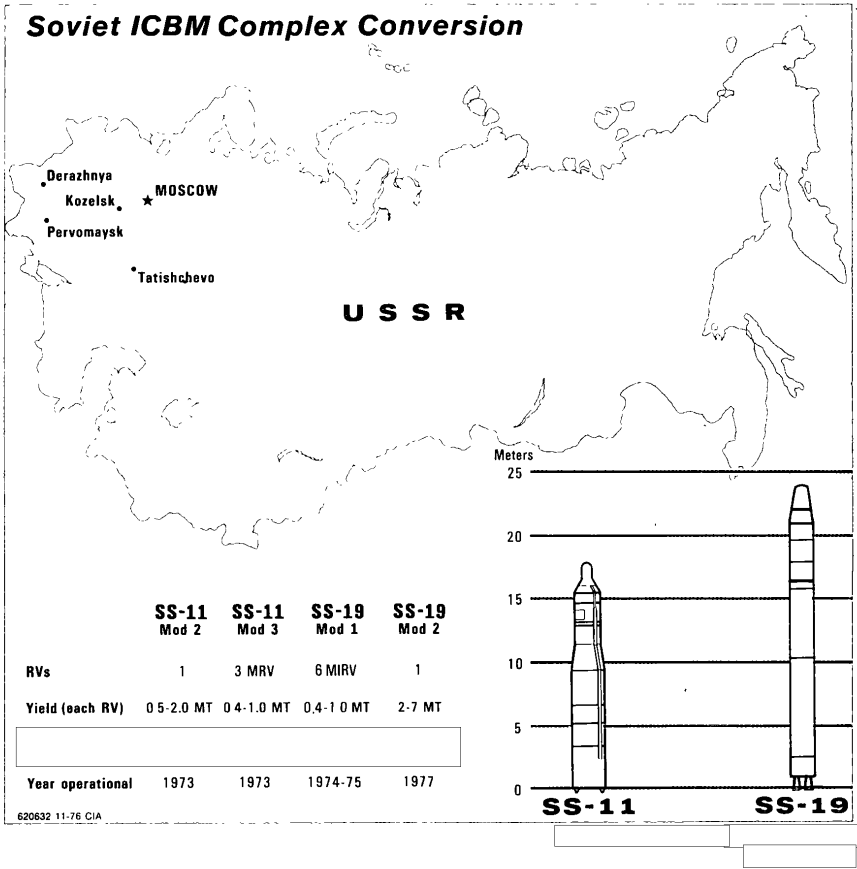
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The Palestinians have vehemently criticized the selection and are no doubt disturbed that the appointment of a Lebanese and his two Lebanese deputies will limit their ability to bring outside Arab pressure on the League force to go easy on the Palestinians.

Occasionally heavy shelling in Beirut marred the cease-fire yesterday. There was a brief upsurge of fighting in southern Lebanon near the Israeli border. Christian forces reportedly shelled the town of Bint Jubayl, where the Palestinians have been under siege for the last two weeks.

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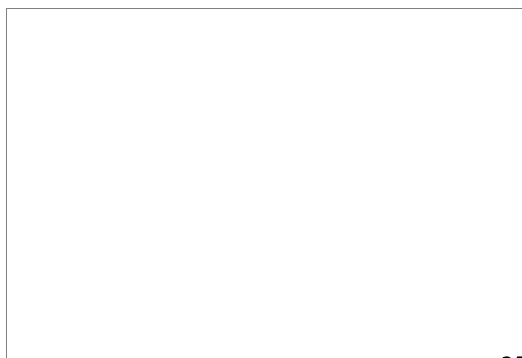
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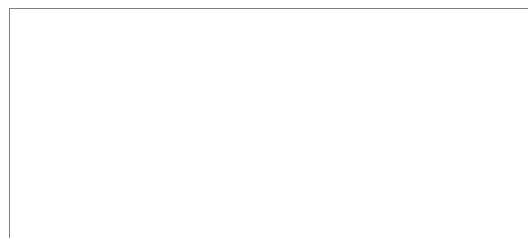
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All the SS-11 silos at Derazhnya and Pervomaysk--12 groups of 10 silos--apparently have been rebuilt in the same way: the old SS-11 silo was completely dismantled and the SS-19 silo built in the resulting excavation. Although the silos are externally identical, there are buried communications antennas near each silo in six of the groups and no antennas near the silos in the other six groups.

The presence of the antennas suggests that the Soviets may have installed the SS-19 missile at those 60 launch sites with antennas, and

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modifications of the SS-11 missile at the 60 launch sites that lack antennas.

During the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty negotiations, the Soviets have stated that fewer than half of the SS-19-type silos at Derazhnya and Pervomaysk contain missiles with MIRVs. They have implied that these two are the only ICBM complexes that do not have the new generation of missiles installed in all of the new-type silos.

SS-11 silos at the Tatishchevo and Kozelsk complexes are also being converted to the SS-19 type. Communications antennas are being built near these silos, and the SS-19 missile apparently will be installed in all of them.

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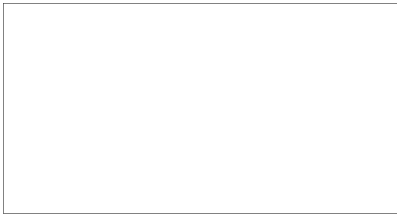
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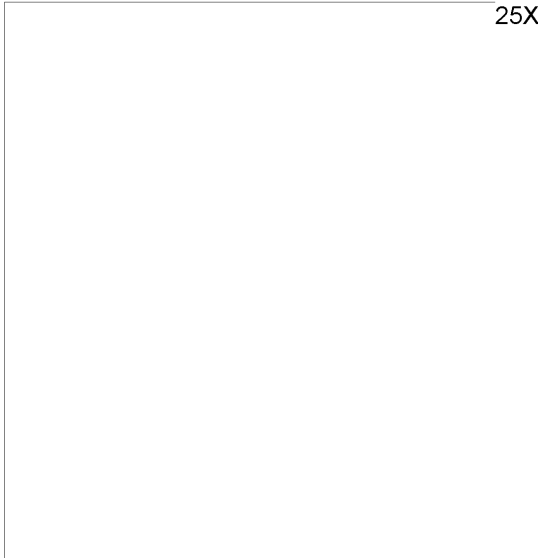
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The current chairman of the OPEC conference has confirmed that the meeting of OPEC oil ministers in Doha, Qatar has been changed from December 15 to 20.

According to the chairman, the change is intended to avoid a scheduling conflict with the Conference on International Economic Cooperation ministerial meeting in Paris, set to open on December 15. The rescheduling will serve two purposes for OPEC--it will temper CIEC debate on the expected oil price rise, and it will give OPEC members a chance to assess concessions by the industrialized countries of CIEC before making a final decision on a new oil price level.

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Tang-shan, China, devastated by an earthquake last summer, is rapidly being reconstructed.

Despite the massive recovery effort, it will be at least mid-1977 before coal, electric power, steel, and transport facilities in Tang-shan are restored to full operation.

Reconstruction of the two heavily damaged power plants in the area apparently has priority, and a considerable number of repairs have been made at the iron and steel plant. The Chinese also appear to have repaired the petroleum pipeline connecting the Taching oil fields with Peking.

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